



The French Military Health Services Overview

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French Military Health Services

Dual mission

To provide medical support to our troops, even in CBRN environment :

- pre deployment
- deployment
- post deployment

To take part in public health

- participation to the national security plan to protect civilians (i.e.: counterterrorism, disaster etc..)



Defense Level of Ambition

To support

- 30 000 troops on a single theater
- 5 000 troops on a second theater
- 2 deployable operational air bases
- 1 aero-naval Task Force
- 10 000 troops deployed in France

To participate in humanitarian assistance missions

French Armed Forces



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A coherent and comprehensive expeditionary total force :

- All volunteer force
- Nuclear Power (4 Nuc Ballistic submarines; 60 nuc capable aircraft)
- All military assets, from earth observation satellites to ground forces, Air Early Warning, combat and transport aircraft, a blue sea Navy ...
- 60 ships (1 aircraft carrier); 400 combat aircraft; 60 tactical transport aircraft; 80 regiments; 1200 main battle tanks; 1100 heavy artillery ...

STRENGTH	Army	Navy	Air Force	Gendarme	Support (DGA, Joint Services, Health, Fuel ...)	TOTAL
Military personnel	134 000	43 000	59 000	98 000	14 000	348 000
Civilian personnel	28 000	9 500	5 000	2 000	35 000	79 500
TOTAL Strength	162 000	52 500	64 000	100 000	49 000	427 500
Reserves Forces	29 000	7 700	8 000	40 000	9 000	94 000

Female percentage 14%

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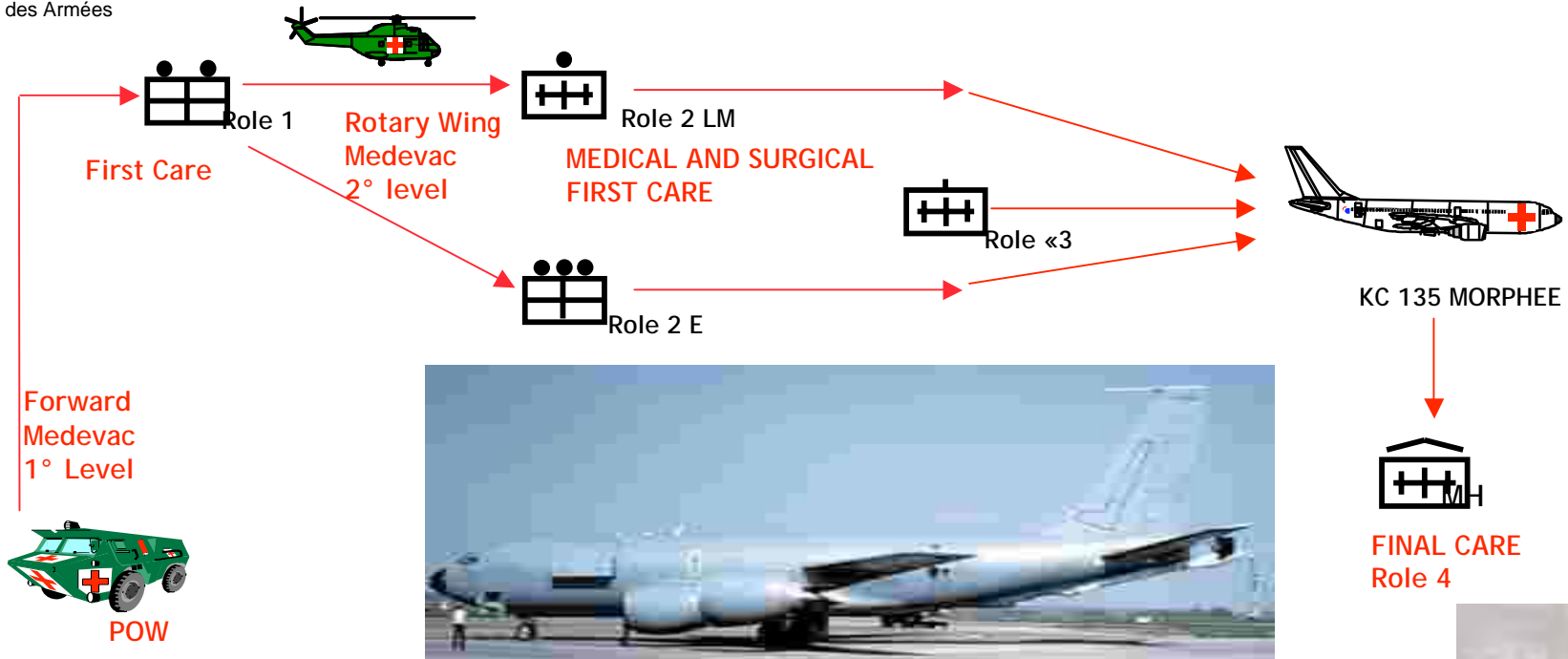
France's Overseas Presence



2nd largest exclusive economic zone after the U.S.

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Medical Chain



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2008

Since 1992

BOSNIA

ASTREE

Since 1999

KOSOVO

TRIDENT

Since 1978

LEBANON

FINUL / DAMAN

Since 2001

AFGHANISTAN

PAMIR

Since 2001

TADJIKISTAN

HERACLES

Since 2002

IVORY COAST

LICORNE

Since 2004

IVORY COAST

ONUCI

Since 2007

TCHAD ACR

EUFOR

Since 1986

TCHAD

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12 000 Militaries
480 Medicals (4%)
65% Multinationality

48 role 1
3 Forward Surgical Teams
3 Role 2 E

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NATO

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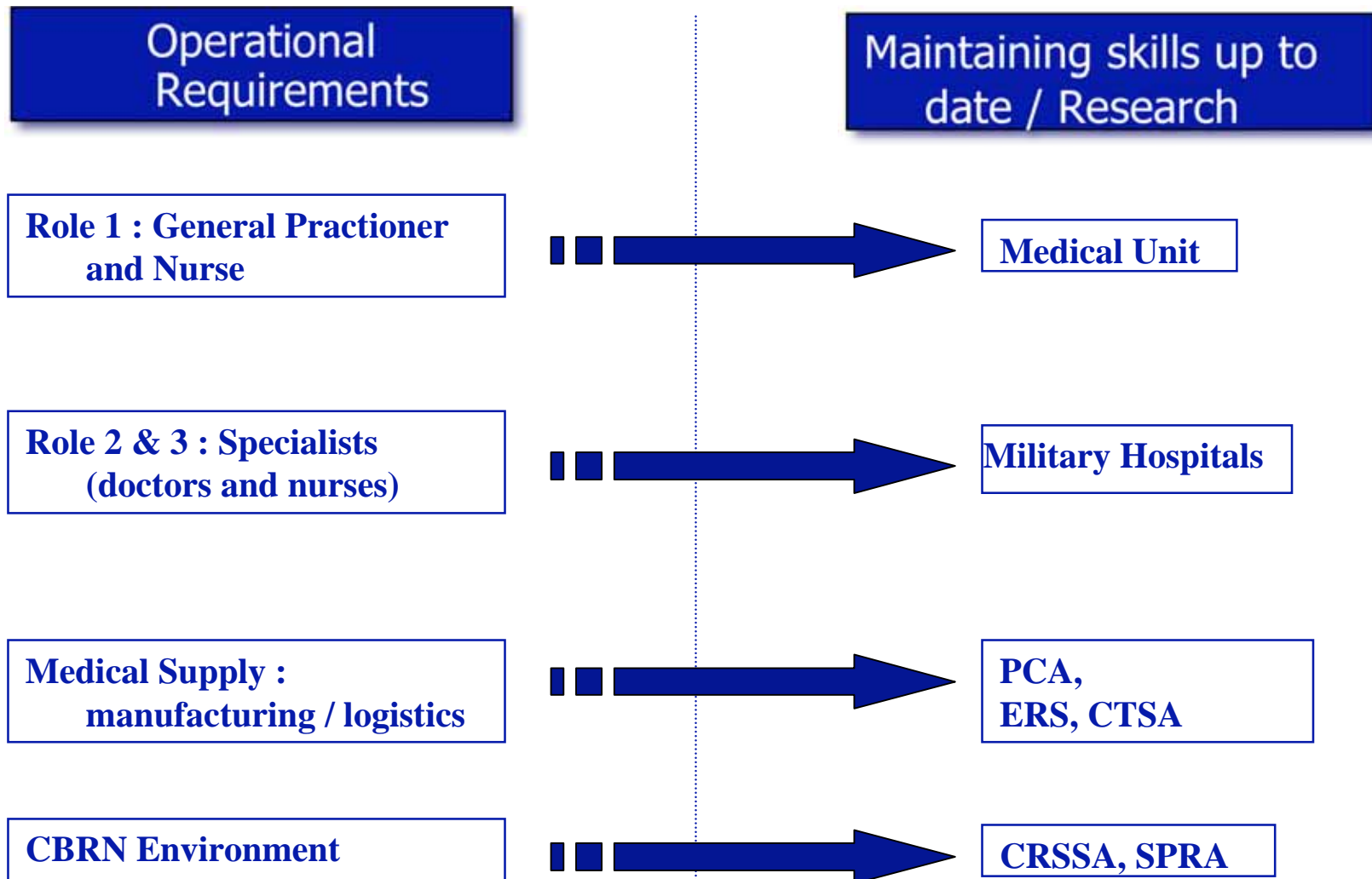
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Since 2003

ACR

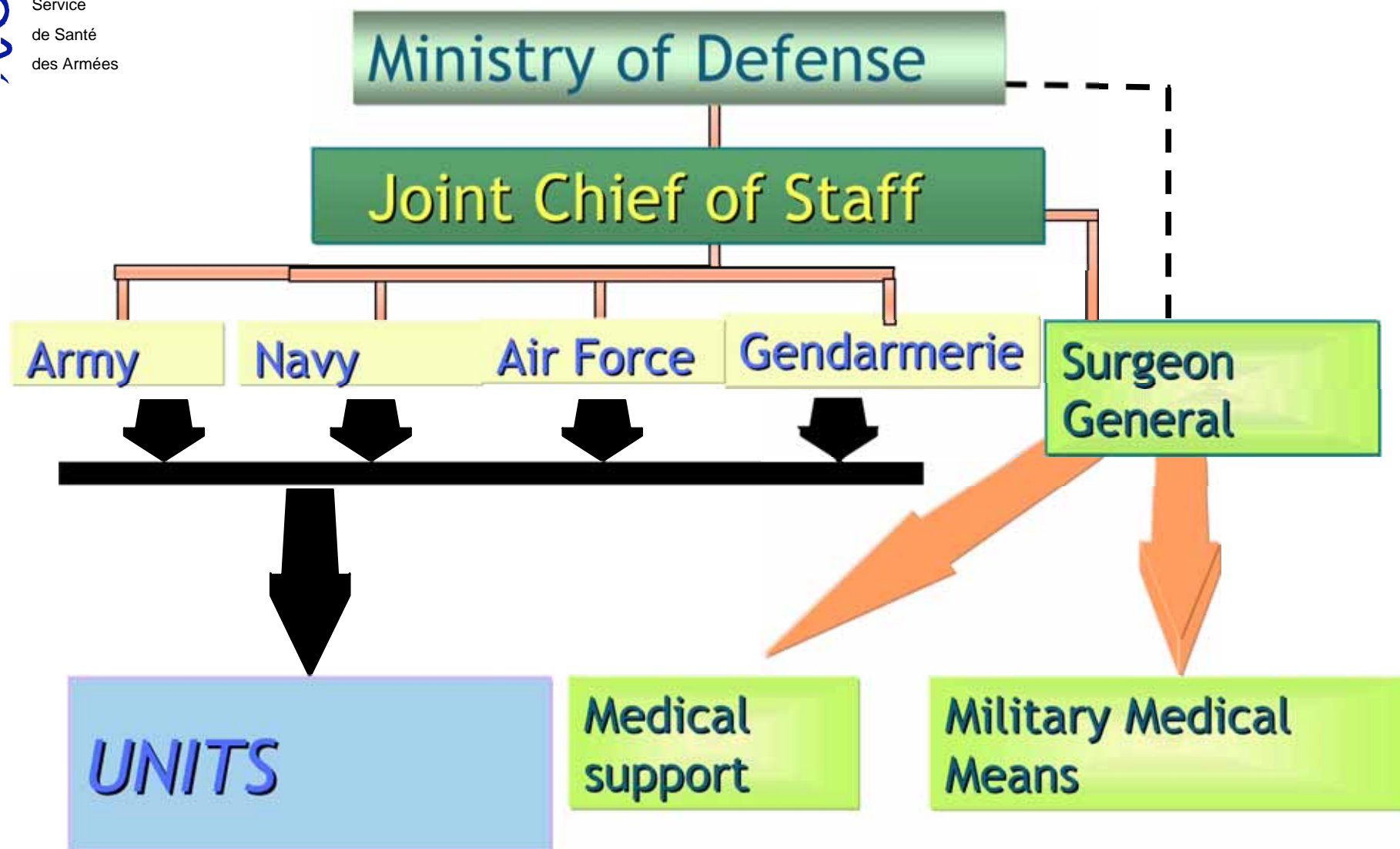
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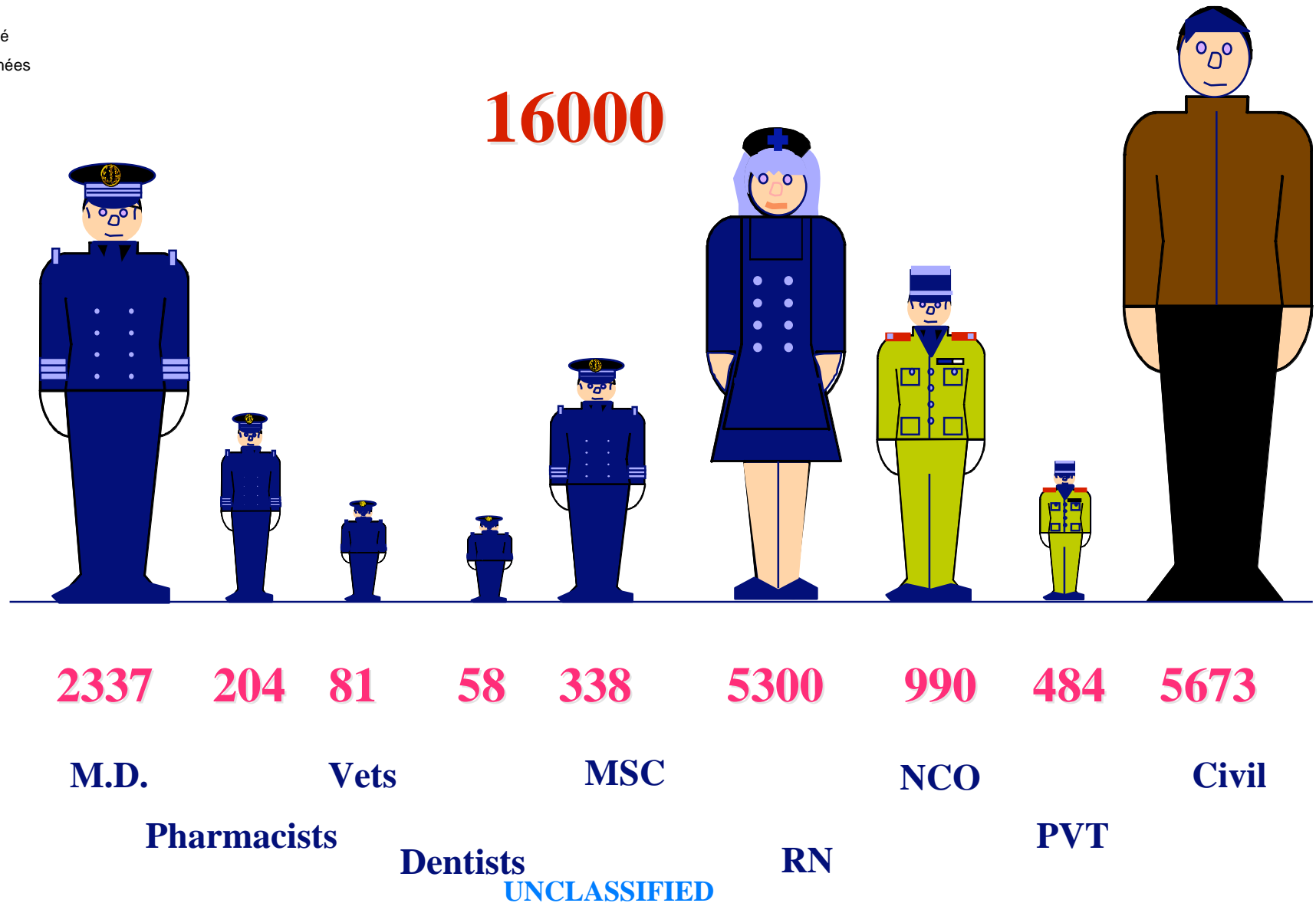
Organization of Military Health Services



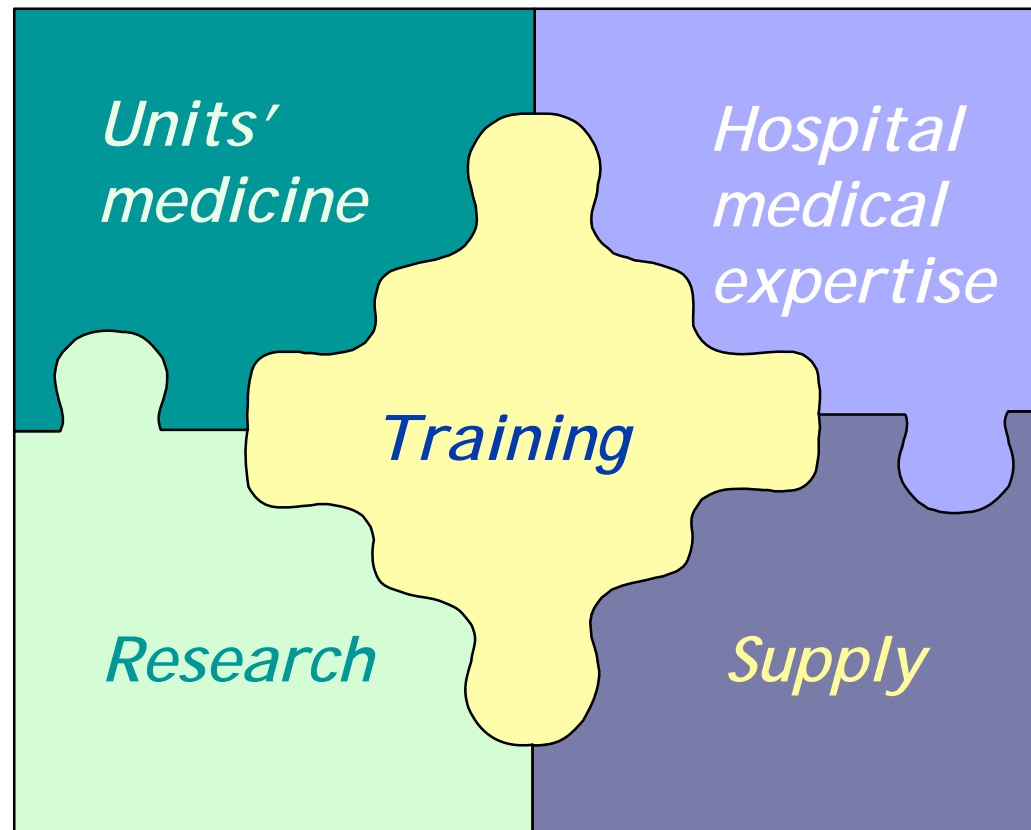
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Human Resources



Medical Support to the Forces



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Deployment of M.D.s in Units

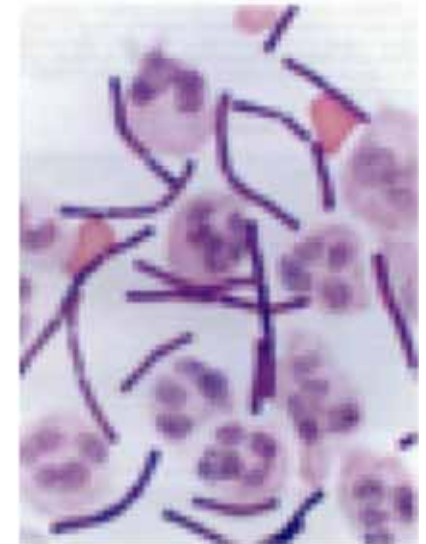


Medical Military Training



Research & Development Centres

- Led by Defense Staff and Dedicated to the troops and Defense issues
- 5 fields of studies
 - Medical support to the troops
 - Fight against natural biological disease or biological warfare
 - Fight against chemical, nuclear and radiological threats
 - Ergonomics, psychology
 - Maintaining troops in operational readiness (equipment, chronobiology)
- One Research center and 3 specialized institutes
- Expertise in governmental plans



Military Research Centers



Military Medical supply



**Supply
Directorate**

**Manufacturing
Facility**

**Medical supply
Facility**

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Pharmacie Centrale des Armées



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Ministère
de la
Défense



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Clamart
PERCY
486 beds



Paris
HIA VAL DE GRACE
405 beds



St Mandé - BEGIN
431 beds



Metz
LEGOUEST
262 beds



Brest
CLERMONT TONNERRE
238 beds



Lyon
DESGENETTES
334 beds



Bordeaux
R. PICQUE
288 beds



Marseille - LAVERAN
340 beds

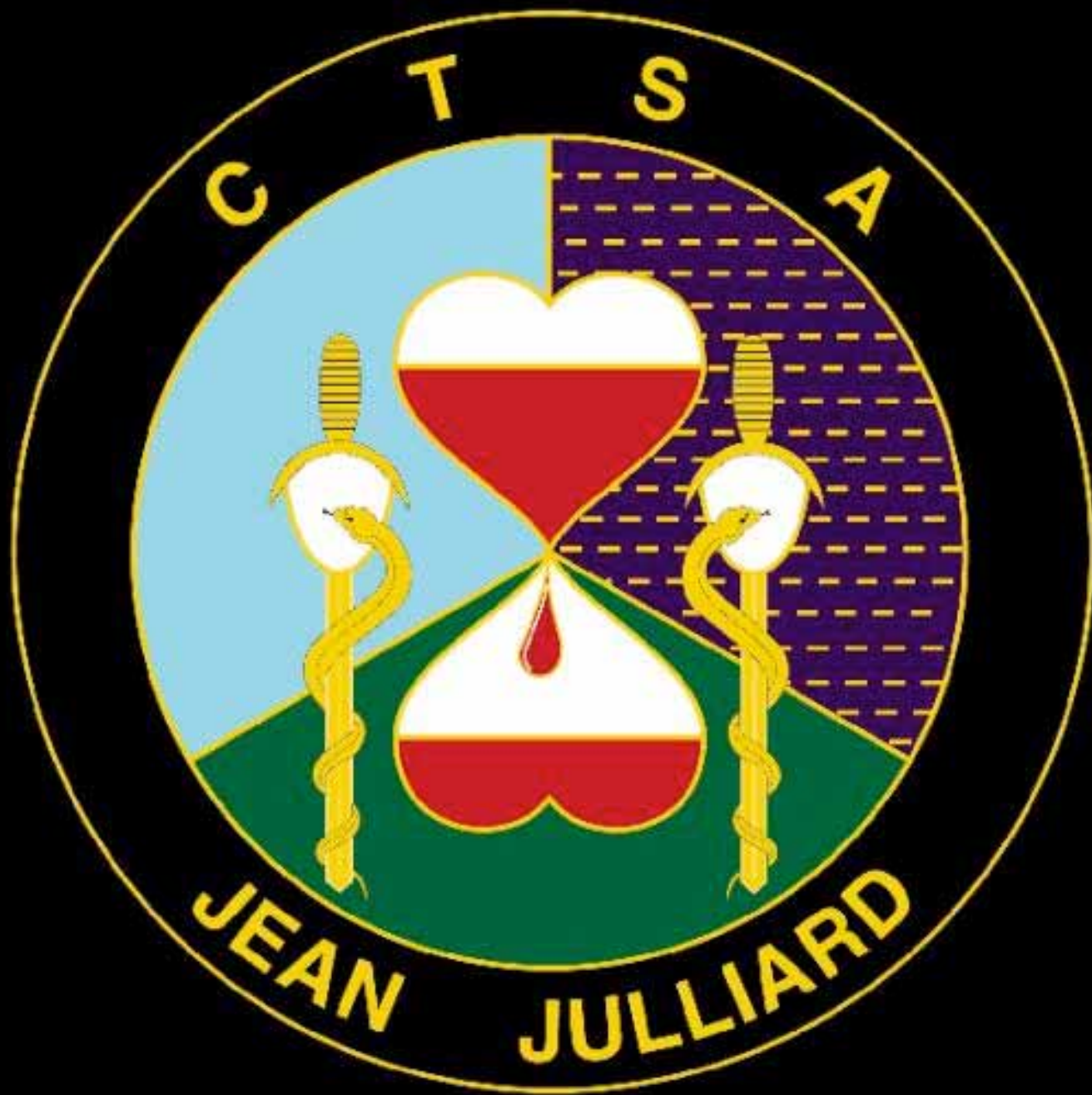


Toulon
Ste ANNE
360 beds



**9 hospitals
3200 beds**

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Organization of the Medical Reserves

▪ **Goals of the Reserves**

- Reinforce the operational capability of Active Units
- Sustain and develop the defense mindset
- Maintain the link between the Army and the Nation

▪ **Reorganized in 2005**

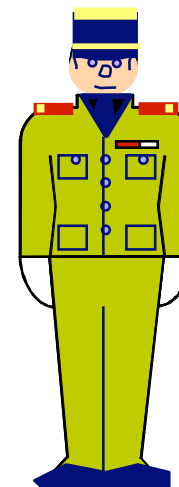
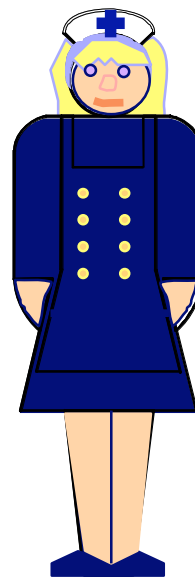
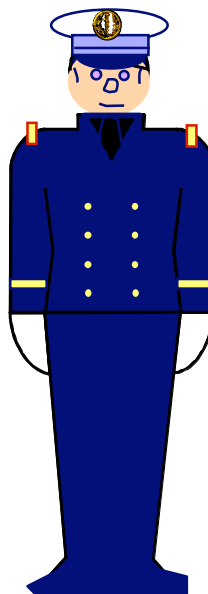
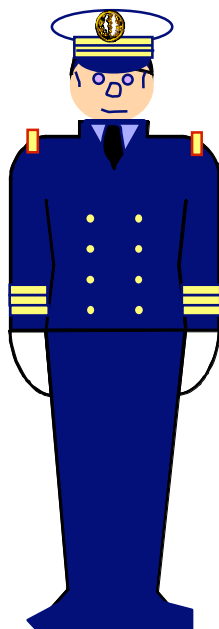
▪ **Operational Reserve Forces**

- “Special Reserve Units” or USRs concept set up fully integrated into the Active Duty Units
- With special contract agreement for each operational reservist

▪ **Non Operational Reserve Forces or “Reserve Citoyenne”**

- Role of strengthening the link “Army-Nation”
- About 200

Operational Reserve Forces



Target 2012	3 300	4 660	640	8 600
Target 2007	1 815	2 467	388	4 670
31/12/2007	1 968	874	374	3 216
	OFFICERS	NON COMMISSION OFFICERS/NURSES	SOLDIERS/VOLUNT EERS	TOTAL



Reservists Deployment Forces

- **Special Contract Agreement**
 - 30 days (usually)
 - 60 days with Regional head office approval (15% of all reservists)
 - 150 days if needed linked to the deployment needs
 - 210 days max with MoD approval
- **Reservists in Operations**
 - 2007: 114 reservists (14 women)
 - 2008 : 109 reservists (10 women)
 - About 5400 working days

Human Resources

- **Recruitment**

- University Hospitals
- Nurses Institutes
- National Special Day of Defense ("JAPD")

- **Administration of Operational Reservists**

- All volunteers
- Medical exam
- 17 years of age minimum
- Age limit: + 5 years beyond the age limit for active duty personnel
- Beyond 5 days/yr with employer's agreement

Growing Role of the Military Health Services

- Army (Special Forces)
- Navy
- Air Force
- State Department
- Political



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Building up International Cooperation

Confronting Current and Future Medical Threats

a French perspective, through New
Organization, Policy and
Countermeasures



“To counter the global medical threat, we should reinforce collaborations at all levels, especially at the international one. As the threat is global, the response should be also global”.

LtGen Bernard Lafont, Fr Surgeon General, 2007 AMSUS meeting

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Additional Information on French Reserve



<http://www.defense.gouv.fr/sante>